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SUBJECT.

The payment of a bonus of £1500
to Mrs Macintire in recognition
of the Valuable services rendered
to the State by her Husband Lt
Col A. H. Macintire, deceased

By order,

for Secretary.

19th May 1898.

To—

Rajadharma Pravina
T. R. A. Thumboo Chetti, Esq., C.I.E.

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~~Khan Bahadur Abdul Rahman.~~

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The Secretary.

3 Fauconberg Villas
Cheltenham
June 3rd/91

Dear Sir Sheshadra Iyer

I am writing to you on what to me, is a very painful subject - the same one on which my dear husband wrote to you not long before his death - That was his last letter. He felt then that he might never live to re-turn to India & his great anxiety was for me and his children. My brother

Tells me that you very kindly said you would do what you could to frank my dear husbands last request and that you left it to me to de= =cide whether that help should take the form of a pension or a bounus. I am obliged to choose the latter, as I have my daughters future to con= =sider. She wd be left quite unprovided for if I died, as her pension from the Military Funds is only a

very small one of £46 a Year.
I trust my self & her altogether
to your Generosity on which
my dear husband always
relied. Whatever you grant
me I shall be grateful for
as he would have been & I
shall value it Chiefly as a
proof of your appreciation
of his Services & also a mark
of personal friendship - He
always had the greatest esteem
for you & always spoke of you
in the highest Terms - He died

in distress, almost up to the last spoke of strength of his work - he had the interests of Mysore sincerely at heart & when he heard of the dreadful fire at the Palace he wept saying over & over again "If I could have been there to help". My loss & my children's is a terrible one & it is a great grief to me that I shall never see my happy home in India again - & my very small means will make life in future a hard struggle - I cannot help thinking

that if my poor husband had only taken more care of himself & not worried so much about things he might have been alive now but he was not happy unless he was working & he burnt the candle at both ends - his one idea was Duty - so he never spared himself. Will you kindly convey to her Highness my thanks for her most

Kind Telegram of Sympathy
& my regrets that I shall not
again see Her Highness.
I will not Trespass on your
time any longer - So Thanking
you again for your Kindness
& Trusting to your liberality
& regard for my dear husband
Believe me
Always yours most Sincerely
J. Macintire

THE RESIDENCY
MYSORE

Mysore –
15 Oct. – 1897

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My dear Dewar

I regret extremely to be obliged to inform you that the Govt. of India have refused to agree to the grant of £1500/- to Mrs. Meiklejohn as proposed by the Mysore Govt. They recognize the feelings which prompted the offer, but are of opinion that it would be undesirable on public grounds to sanction such a grant –

Yours sincerely
J. Lawrence

THE RESIDENCY
MYSORE

October 29. 1

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My dear Dewan.

I have seen the papers

about Mrs Evans Bell's pension.

In that case the Govt I thought they d

not approve. distinctly said they

not approve. Sir Henry Prendergast

clearly misapprehended the instruct

he received

Sir Oliver Hyslop requests the pleasure

of Mrs Lang's company at dinner

on Friday next at eight o'clock.

R.S.V.P.

Yours sincerely

[illegible]

Bangalore
26th March 1898.

My dear Col Robertson,

Adverting to your D.O. dated 15th October 1897 communicating the orders of the Government of India regarding the proposed Bounty of £1500/- to Mrs Macintire, I take the liberty of submitting the special handicap of her case for the favorable consideration of the Govt of India. I need not dwell in this place upon the specially valuable services of Col: Macintire which were fully detailed in the file of papers I originally sent you for submission to the Govt of India But I may add here that he was an officer who never spared himself: it was notorious that he habitually subordinated all considerations of health and comfort to the one idea of duty to the public and

which ever dominated him: and by his death the Durbar lost one of its most devoted and useful public Servants. Her Highness the Maharanee Regent was most anxious to deal liberally with the widow of an Officer who was entitled to such special consideration from the Durbar; and myself, the Councillors and other high Officers of the State, both European and native, all regarded the grant of a Bounty to Mrs Macintire as a most reasonable and well merited recognition of her husband's services to the State. You may remember that when I first mentioned the subject to you casually in the course of conversation at Ooty last year, I had no idea that the grant required the sanction of the Government of India and I had before my mind the precedent of the State Bounty granted to Mrs Johnson

and the pension to Mrs Evans Bell. The grant of a Bonus to Mrs Macintire became under such circumstances known pretty well locally and was generally talked about; and as a matter of fact she herself at the time heard of it from her friends in Mysore. It is thus a source of sore disappointment to her to be deprived of the Bonus which she fully believed Her Highness the Maharani had granted and which she was in daily expectation of actually receiving. As this is the first occasion in Mysore in which the Government of India has expressed the wish to be previously consulted in matters of this kind, and as under the special circumstances of the case the proposed bonus is in itself reasonable and its non-grant a hard blow to Mrs Macintire, I beg that the Govt. of India will be pleased to take a generous view of the situation and accord its sanction in the present

case, as an exception to its general
policy in such matters. Mrs Macintire
as you know is badly off and life with
her limited means is a real struggle.
Written six months of her husband's death,
another crushing calamity has overtaken
her, for, her only son was killed the other
day in the N. W. frontier war. Her case
is most pitiable in every way and Her
Highness the Maharani is naturally
most anxious to help her in her distress,
so far as it is possible to do so by means
of a Bounty. I accordingly beg that you will
be so good as to move H. E. the Viceroy to
agree to the grant of the proposed Bounty,
as an exceptional act of generosity and
sympathy, which of course cannot,
from the nature of the case, be regarded
hereafter as a precedent in any sense
of the term.

Yours Sincerely

S. K. Sheshadri Iyer.

DASARA, 1897.

THE STATE DINNER.

At the Dasara State Dinner at Government House Colonel Donald Robertson in proposing the health of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent said:—

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—We are met once more in the enjoyment of Her Highness the Maharani's bountiful hospitality at this annual Dasara Festival. Nothing has been wanting to enhance our comfort, and I feel sure that I interpret your sentiments correctly when I say that we have all had the best of times at Mysore.

On an occasion like this, which marks a fixed point in the year, one's thoughts naturally revert to the intervening period between this and the last Dasara, and the many things that have happened meanwhile. The eminent and talented administrator, whose place I now so unworthily fill, has been taken up to a larger and higher sphere of duty—not, however, before he had made his mark upon the work here, and had completed an enquiry, the results of which will, it is hoped, prove of substantial benefit to the Planting Community.

Many of us met in February last to celebrate the marriage of one of Her Highness' daughters. The good wishes which we offered to the happy pair on the threshhold of their married life, had hardly died away; and the remembrance of the gorgeous spectacle when we beheld them in their golden swing, was still fresh in our minds; when, as a bolt from the blue, a sudden calamity descended upon Mysore, and a considerable portion of the old and picturesque Palace, with the priceless art treasures it contained, were consumed by fire. From His Excellency the Viceroy downwards, all sympathized deeply with Her Highness at the destruction of what to her was so full of sad and loving memories. Fortunately she had soon to turn her thoughts in another direction, for out of the clouds came a gleam of sunshine, and a grand-child appeared on the scene who demanded and received all the Maharani's motherly care and attention.

The retrospect of the year, however crude and imperfect, must not omit mention of a name that has for many years been associated with Mysore hospitalities. I allude of course to Andrew Macintire. I may claim the privilege of having been one of his oldest friends in Mysore, he is alas, no more with us, but his name will remain as that of a courageous, kind hearted and clever English officer, whose death was, as Sir Sheshadri Iyer, I know, admits, a great loss to the State he had served so well.

When Mr. Mackworth Young addressed you last year he alluded in graceful and feeling terms to the arrangements which had then, with Her Highness' approval, been concluded for the Maharaja's training. I am glad to be able to say that the plan then matured has, owing to Her Highness' kind support, produced excellent results. Under Mr. Fraser's firm and skillful guidance, the young Maharaja has made considerable and praiseworthy advancement. I have recently had an opportunity of testing his work and am satisfied that his general knowledge is, for a young Chief, distinctly above the average. We have all seen that he can play his part effectively in ceremonial matters. He rides pluckily and well, and altogether his physical progress is all that could be desired.

We were to-day admitted, in the meeting of the Representative Assembly, to the annual account of the Dewan's Administration. Though, owing to unfavorable seasons and other causes which were beyond human control, the prosperity of the State has received a check, it may be confidently said that the tide of Mysore prosperity is still flowing and that the State can still calim, from an administrative point of view, to retain the high position it has acquired amongst the Native chiefships of India. There is probably no Political Officer in this country whose work lies amongst more pleasant surroundings than those with which the Resident in Mysore is brought in contact. I have the privilege of being associated in official matters with Sir Sheshadri Iyer, one of the most able and successful Ministers that India has produced, and my relations with him are, I am glad to say, close and cordial. With these acknowledgments I, of course, associate the three members of the Council with whose assistance the administration of the State is conducted. I regret extremely that the Dewan's state of health necessitates his taking short leave of absence. I hope he will enjoy his well earned rest, and that he will return in restored health to continue for some years to come the very excellent work he has already done in Mysore.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I now ask you to join with me in drinking the health of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent, and of her son, His Highness the Maharaja.

Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, the Dewan, in replying to the toast said:—

Colonel Robertson, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Her Highness the Maharani-Regent desires me to return her best thanks to the British Resident for the kind terms in which he proposed her health and that of the Maharaja, and she thanks you all, Ladies and Gentlemen, most warmly for your hearty response to the toast. Colonel Robertson has in his usual felicitous style taken a rapid survey of the events of the last year and the varying sentiments they evoked from the people and friends of Mysore.

Assembled in this hall, it is impossible not to be reminded of the late Col. Macintire and no one can more fully endorse than myself the high compliment paid him by Colonel Robertson. In him the State has lost a most capable officer whose versatile talents enabled him to render most valuable help to me in his own and other departments and whose good heart made him a general favorite with the public and with the officers of the State.

The disastrous Palace fire was a great blow to Her Highness, but she found some consolation in the sincere sympathy shown by all her subjects and by her many European friends, and Colonel Robertson's active sympathy and cordial help on that occasion were a source of special support to her.

Colonel Robertson has been no less helpful in the ordinary routine of the administration. In the existing conditions of Mysore, the administration has to rely more than ever on the counsel and guidance of the British Resident, and we never failed to obtain ready and willing aid whenever his help had to be sought. In the young Maharaja's education Colonel Robertson has taken the deepest interest, and the healthy lines on which it is being conducted cannot fail to be attended with the best possible results for the future of the State and its Ruler.

Colonel Robertson is not new to us. His connection with Mysore began so far back as 1886. If he has not been continuously with us since then, it has not been

altogether without benefit to the State, for, in the interval, he has done splendid work in other States and, by successfully pioneering important Hindu principalities in the North during anxious periods of minority, has acquired fame and name for himself. He has now returned to us with the ripe experience gained under conditions similar to those prevailing in Mysore. His sincere and ready sympathy with natives and Native States, his high standard of the training required for a minor Maharaja and his insight into the conditions essential for the success of minority administrations, are full of happy augury for the future of the young Maharaja and of this ancient State. And we only hope that having found such a good Resident, we shall be able to keep him to guide us through the minority and to enable Her Highness the Maharani, when the proper time arrives, to hand over to her son the State and its administration in a condition of splendid order and unimpaired efficiency.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I shall not take up your time with any lengthy reply to the very kind terms in which Colonel Robertson has been pleased to speak of me and of what little I might have done for the State. I shall have said all when I say he has been most kind to me and always unstinting in his help and sympathy. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with him, and I deem it a duty to continue to devote myself to the service of the State during the trying ordeal of a minority—so long as there is health and strength in me.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Her Highness is grateful to you all for honoring her with your presence on this festive occasion and she hopes that the Dasara week in Mysore has been a pleasant one to all of you.

It only remains for me now, Ladies and Gentlemen, to call on you, in the name of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent, to drink the health of our popular Resident, Colonel Robertson and of Mrs. Robertson.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Colonel and Mrs. Robertson.

C/o Messrs Parry & Co
70 Gracechurch St
London. E.C.
March 17th

Dear Sir Sheshadri Iyer

Yesterday I received from the Indian Office the intimation that as a Special case I am permitted to accept the Grant of £1500 which the Mysore Government so generously wished to give me - I need hardly say that this permission relieves my mind of grave anxiety on account of my daughter;

Who, but for this, at my death would have been left in almost poverty. —

And I write to you now to express to you how deeply I feel the more than kind efforts you have made on my behalf to secure me this provision. I cannot tell you how touched I am by your generosity & how deeply gratified I feel that you wish in this manner to show how

fully you appreciated my dear husbands services. He always had the greatest esteem and regard for you and in your kindness to his widow & orphan you have shown your regard for him - how touched he would be if he only knew it! - Pray accept my & my daughters heartfelt thanks. My dear boy's sudden & terrible death was an overwhelming blow to me & coming so soon after my first loss prostrated me alt=
=together. I am only now beginning

to recover from a Tedious illness
his death was brave & noble
but it has bereft me of every
= thing. — If it is feasible I
should wish the draft remitted
to Messrs Parry & Co of Madras
I am writing to Her Highness
to express my gratitude to her
for her great kindness to me.
With all good wishes for your
welfare & happiness & again
thanking you, Believe me
Yours gratefully & Sincerely
F. Macmahon

No. 7
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From

Lieut.-Colonel DONALD ROBERTSON, I. S. C.,
RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore

Dated Ootacamund ~~Bangalore~~, 5th May 1898.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence which has passed regarding the spontaneous proposal of the Mysore Government to grant a bonus of £1500 to Mrs Macintire the widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Macintire, I have the honour to state that the Government of India have been in correspondence with Her Majesty's Secretary of State on the subject, and are now pleased to decide that, as a special case, no objection will be raised to Mrs Macintire receiving the gratuity proposed. The Secretary of State has caused Mrs Macintire to be so informed.

2. I have been requested to convey to Her Highness

the Maharani Regent an expression of the appreciation by the Government of India of the generous and sympathetic feeling she has shown in this case, and this I am doing through Colonel Campbell.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

Duncan Colvin.

Resident.

Secy.

~~Please instruct Comptroller~~

Record an order
Sanctioning a Bonus
of £1500 to Mrs
Macinnes in recognition
of her husband's valuable
Services to the State -
Instruct Comptroller to
remit the amount
to Messrs Parry & Co
Swansea as requested
by Mrs Macinnes
in her letter to me of
17 March 1898.
Send Copies of Mrs Macinnes -
letter with this to the
Public Official & Solr
in the Office

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Draft ~~Approved~~
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15/5/98.

Circulate to
Councillors for
information

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Secretary all the Councillors.

Read correspondence ending with letter No 7 dated the 5th of May 1898 from the Resident in Mysore stating that the Govt of India have been pleased to decide that as a special case no objection will be raised to Mrs Macintire receiving a bounty of £1500 from the Mysore State.

Order.

Govt are pleased to sanction the payment of a bounty of £1500 to Mrs Macintire in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the State by her husband Lieut Col A.H. Macintire deceased.

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To

The Comptroller Mysore Commission with a request that he will advise arrange to remit the amount to Messrs Barry & Co Madras as requested by Mrs Macintire in her letter to the Dewan dated 17th March

Copy of the above forwarded to Mrs Macintire for information

Mr 15018/3157 17-5-98 SLG

Mr 15019/3158 SLG